1st Word Plus (Release 2)

Release Note

This leaflet describes 1st Word Plus (Release 2) version 2.01 (25 October 1989).

Use of this software package is subject to the terms of the End User Licence Conditions printed on the back panel of the packaging (and reproduced in the *User Guide*). Separate provision is made for network use and you should contact your supplier for details of price and availability.

The 1st Word Plus package

The following items are included in the 1st Word Plus package:

- two 3.5in floppy discs:
  - 1st Word Plus Program disc
  - 1st Word Plus Utilities disc
- a *User Guide*
- a function key strip
- a user registration form and reply-paid envelope
- this leaflet.

If any of these items is missing or damaged, please notify your supplier immediately.

Target Systems

1st Word Plus (Release 2) will run on Acorn and BBC computer systems fitted with at least 1MB of RAM and the RISC OS operating system (version 2.00 or later). If your computer is fitted with any version of the earlier (Arthur) operating system, you should contact your supplier for an upgrade.

The package will also run under RISC OS on Acorn RISC iX workstations.

The package has been designed for use on systems fitted with only a single floppy disc drive, although it may be copied to a hard disc and, subject to the licence conditions referred to above, to a network file server, if required.

Installing 1st Word Plus (Release 2)

Before attempting to use 1st Word Plus you should make copies of the release discs and keep the originals in a safe place. Instructions for making backup copies of discs are given in the *User Guide* supplied with your computer. Use the backup copies as your working discs.

Shared Resources (running under RISC OS 2.00 only)

Most RISC OS applications use one or more of a number of shared resources (relocatable modules) which are supplied in the `!System` application on RISC OS Applications disc 1.

Due to developments since the original RISC OS applications discs were produced, 1st Word Plus (in common with an increasing number of RISC OS applications) requires later versions of these modules. Some users will have obtained the new modules from the RISC OS 2.00 Extras disc, available from Acorn suppliers, but for convenience, a `!System` application containing the latest modules is provided on the 1st Word Plus Program disc.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the new resources are backwards-compatible with earlier versions, which means that the new `!System` can be used to support existing applications such as Edit, Draw, Paint and those from third party developers. So whilst 1st Word Plus may be used immediately in its release format, we recommend that users upgrade their `!System` application(s) using the procedure outlined below.

Upgrading !System applications (running under RISC OS 2.00 only)

The following material describes a method of upgrading existing `!System` application(s) so that they contain the latest releases of Acorn shared resources. (If your computer is fitted with RISC OS 3, you do not need to do this.) You should upgrade *all* the instances of `!System` you currently have; hard disc users will tend to have a single `!System` application (typically located in the hard disc root directory); floppy disc users may have a single `!System` (typically located on Applications disc 1) or they may have many `!Systems` (typically one per disc/application).

The procedure effectively merges old and new components, replacing existing, obsolete modules without removing or affecting additional modules (which may be present as a result of installing a non-Acorn application).

You should refer to the *User Guide* supplied with your computer if you are not familiar with the operation of the RISC OS Desktop.

1 Save your work, then reset the computer by holding down Ctrl and pressing the RESET button.

2 Use F12 (or the Task Manager *Command option) to obtain the * prompt, and type the following command, which sets the correct options for the copying operation:

```
SET Copy$Options ~CNFRV
```

3 Use the RISC OS Task Manager to create a RAM disc of 128Kb.

4 Click on the RAM Filing System icon to open the RAM Filing System directory display (which will be empty).

5 Place the 1st Word Plus Program disc in floppy disc drive 0 and click on its drive icon to show the directory display.

6 Drag the `!System` directory icon from the disc directory display to the RAM directory display.

7 Remove the 1st Word Plus Program disc from the drive.

8 For each `!System` application to be upgraded
   - open the appropriate directory display.
   - drag the `!System` icon from the RAM directory display to the disc directory display.

9 Reset the machine as described in step 1.

Additional Information

The following material relates to version 2.01 of the software and is an addition to the content of the 1st Word Plus *User Guide*.

1 Release 2 of 1st Word Plus will correctly load files produced by the original version, even though such files have a file type of Text rather than 1WPDoc.

   To import files from other word-processing packages (such as View), follow the instructions for importing files given in the *Guide*. Files containing complex sequences of control codes may cause problems and, wherever possible, such files should be saved as plain (ASCII) text before you import them into 1st Word Plus.

   If you have used your own Supplementary Dictionaries or Printer Configuration files with Release 1, you should reset their file types to 1WPDict and 1WPCfg respectively. You can then drag them to the Release 2 keypad window.

2 1st Word Plus will display an alert when the size of your current document is approaching the amount of available memory. If this occurs, you should save the document immediately, rather than waiting for the message which indicates that memory is full.

   Depending upon the way in which the computer and the package have been used in a particular session, quitting and restarting 1st Word Plus may release additional memory. Users of systems with larger memories may choose to use the Task Manager to increase the size of the memory slot in which 1st Word Plus is to run.

   Note that if you intend to use the spelling checker, it is more efficient to load the dictionary before you load a document.

3 When using 1st Mail with output directed to a printer (rather than to a file), you should ensure that the correct printer is selected, correctly connected, switched on, and on-line. Failure to ensure that the printer is ready before beginning a merge job may cause 1st Mail to behave in an unpredictable manner.

4 Depending upon the precise machine configuration, users of 1MB systems may find that they have insufficient memory to run 1stConvrt and 1stDMerge in sequence. This problem can be overcome by resetting the machine before attempting to run the second application.

5 As delivered in this pack, 1st Word Plus is optimised for use in 1MB computer systems, claiming a maximum of 608K of user RAM.

Users of systems with larger memories may wish to increase the amount of RAM allocated to 1st Word Plus (and hence allow the processing of larger documents) by altering the content of the 1st Word Plus `!Run` file.

The 1st Word Plus `!Run` file is located inside the `!1stWord+` application directory and the line in question is:

```
Wimpslot -min 416k -max 608k
```

Removing the `-max` parameter from the `Wimpslot` command will cause 1st Word Plus to claim the amount of memory allocated to the `Next` slot.

The amount of memory allocated to 1st Word Plus can be allocated *explicitly* by specifying the appropriate value in the `-min` parameter.

6 If you are running 1stWord Plus on a computer fitted with RISC OS 3, you can disregard the instructions given in the *1st Word Plus Guide* and in this *Release Note* on updating your system resources, as this is not necessary with RISC OS 3.

7 If you have received 1st Word Plus as part of a package such as the *Learning Curve*, on a computer fitted with a hard disc, the software will already have been installed for you on the hard disc. In such a case you will not therefore need to follow the instructions given in the *Guide* for installing the program on your hard disc.

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